

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4 and 6-14 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 9-12 have been amended and claim 13 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 8, 2007.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 3, 4 and 6-8 have been allowed.

Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the indication in item 9 of the Office Action that claim 13 includes allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of its base and intervening claims. It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 9-12 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of now cancelled claim 13. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 9-12 and dependent claim 14 are now allowable. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining pending claims 3, 4, 6-12 and 14, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

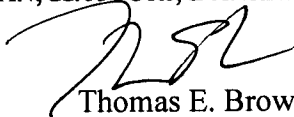
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Response

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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